Dear Colleagues,

We invite multi-disciplinary teams to apply for the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Planning/Seed Grant Program (DEIJ PGP). Applications are due via email to rsi@wpi.edu by 5 pm, May 26, 2022, and individual requests may be for a total amount of up to $4,000.

Synopsis of program
As part of WPI's focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ) in the current strategic plan, the VPR's office would like to encourage DEIJ research and scholarship activities by establishing this internal DEIJ seed/planning grant program (DEIJ PGP). DEIJ PGP funds early stage, cross-disciplinary activities that relate to the experiences of marginalized groups/inequities in STEM and/or at WPI. The goal of the DEIJ PGP is to enable teams to have the time and space to collaboratively examine issues around DEIJ and design research studies, scholarly or creative works, preferably for external funding and/or in collaboration with external partners, e.g., practitioners and researchers with DEIJ expertise.

Eligibility Information
Teams comprising faculty, staff and/or students may submit proposals. The lived experience and perspectives of people from underrepresented and marginalized groups is highly valuable for DEIJ work and should be considered when creating a team. Teams should be well balanced to effectively address the goals of the proposed activity, and it is thus highly recommended that the teams include expertise from the fields of social science, education, humanities, arts etc.

Budget Information
Awards can be used to provide faculty, staff or student stipends, participant support costs, travel, other direct costs (i.e., materials & supplies, publications, human subject compensation).

Proposal Contents

Cover Sheet
Please use the template provided below (if word doc preferred, that can also be provided upon request), and submit to rsi@wpi.edu.

Project Description
Must be only 2 pages excluding references
Must include the following:

- Purpose of Project
  - What will you do, why will you do it and how does it align with the program’s purpose?
- Goals
- Approach or project plan
- Timeline, outcomes, and deliverables
- Impact

Best,
Bogdan Vernescu
DEI Planning Grant Cover Sheet (2022)

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PI Name: 

PI Department and School: 

Team: 

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